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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor Application of

Ken TAKACHI

Application No.: 10/781,618

Filed: February 20, 2004

: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 4143

: Group Art Unit: 3767

: Examiner: Benjamin Huh

For: MECHANICAL LOCKING MECHANISM AND INJECTOR HEAD EMPLOYING THE MECHANISM

STATUS INQUIRY

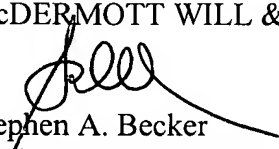
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 20, 2004. Since more than two and one-half year have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, and further no response has been received to the Status Inquiry filed April 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before July 26, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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